(d) In order to mitigate power shortage in the State, the following steps are being taken:

(i) Besides capacity addition of 710 MW in State Sector in UP, generation capacity of 7340 MW is proposed to be set up by Central Power Sector undertakings in Northern Region during 10th Plan in which U.P. will have its entitlements.

(ii) Implementation of Renovation, Modernization and Life extension (R&M&LE). Schemes for old and inefficient generating units for overall improvement in generation performance. Power Finance Corporation have disbursed loan of Rs. 217.22 crores for Renovation, Modernisation and Life extension of power projects located in U.P. under Accelerated Generation and Supply Programme during 9th Plan. Under this scheme interest subsidy @4% was provided to the power utilities.

(iii) Enhancement in evacuation of surplus power from Eastern region to other regions including Northern region of which U.P. is a constituent by setting up of inter-regional links. Recently, Sasaram HVDC back-to-back station has been commissioned which has facilitated transfer of 500 MW from Eastern region to Northern region in a synchronous mode. U.P. is also a beneficiary of Eastern region power.

(iv) Promoting energy efficiency and energy conservation measures.

Besides above, Government of U.P./State Power Utility should strengthen its financial position so that it is able to draw its full entitled share in central generating stations of Northern region which will augment availability of power in the State.

Investment in Power Sector during the Ninth Five Year Plan

1612. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the total investment made in power sector during the Ninth Five Year Plan in the State of Assam;

(b) the details of target fixed for the same in the State during the Tenth Plan; and

(c) the achievements made so far in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) The total investment made in power sector during the 9th Plan in the State of Assam is given as under:

(i)	Assam State Electricity Board	:	Rs. 458.93 crore
(ii)	NEEPCO	:	Rs. 357.24 crore
	Total	:	**Rs. 816.17 crore**

(b) The investment target recommended by Planning Commission Working Group for the power sector in the State of Assam during the 10th Plan period is given as under:

(i)	Assam State Electricity Board	:	Rs. 859.07 Crore
(ii)	NEEPCO	:	Rs. 119.16 Crore
	Total	:	**Rs. 978.25 Crore**

(c) Financial achievement made upto 30.9.2002 in the 10th Plan:

(i)	Assam State Electricity Board	:	Rs. 19.82 Crore
(ii)	NEEPCO	:	Rs. 9.40 Crore
	Total	:	**Rs. 29.22 Crore**

Parekh Committee on APD and Reform Programme

1613. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Parekh Committee set up during March, 2002 regarding Accelerated Power Development and Reforms Programme has suggested some broad principles for financial restructuring of State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the details of suggestion on Power Sector Reform Fund;

(c) whether there is any suggestion to introduce additional surcharge on consumers;

(d) if so, the details thereof;